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A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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WELL, Gentlemen, to ſpeak a little Allegorically, on *Monday* the 27*th* Inſtant, Madam *Revolution* is to be try'd for her Life—— God ſend her a good Deliverance—— If ſhe is condemn'd, we are all in a fine Pickle——

But what Title muſt we give to all governing Things among us, I beſeech you, if this Lady ſhould be caſt; for ſhe was God-mother to the whole Eſtabliſhment, and gave every Branch of it their Name?

Really, good People, it has occaſion'd us ſome Speculations about Names and Denominations to Things, and I would be glad of any honeſt Body's Advice; for I own, I know not very well what to do, or how to behave in it—— I love to call every Thing by its right Name, and would be glad to be well inform'd.

And *Firſt*—— What Name muſt we give to this Lady her ſelf; She is now call'd indeed REVOLUTION, but ſhe muſt then take up another Title—— And what it will be, who knows? Moſt Folks think, ſhe will be call'd REBELLION; that's a ſowre, ugly, ill-natur'd Name, but I ſee no Remedy for it—— For either ſhe has done Right, or ſhe has done Wrong; either ſhe is Legitimate, or a Baſtard; either *Reſiſtance* is a Native of *Law* and Eldeſt Daughter of *Reaſon*, or ſhe is a Baſtard begat by *Faction* upon the Whore call'd *Hydra*; either ſhe ſtands upon a Foundation,

tion, or she is a Mushroom born of Yesterday, that has no legal Beginning, and ought to be trodden under Foot.

Pray then, Gentlemen, will you examine with me a little the Genealogy of this beautiful Lady REVOLUTION?

In the Beginning of Things, when Men and Bodies of Men had Names deriv'd from their proper Circumstances, there was one Old NATION, an Antient and very Reverend Father, from whom great Numbers have since deriv'd; he was an Original of his Name, for his Father's Name was *Patriarchus*, of an Old *Ante-Diluvian* Race, of whom no perfect Account can be given.

When *Patriarchus* dy'd, leaving but this only Son, he took the Sirname of *Family*, perhaps foreseeing his future Grandeur, and that he should be above the Title that his Father was known by.

He was marry'd Young to a beautiful Virgin of noble Extract, her Name was ORDER; and to this Match he ow'd the Beginning of all his Prosperity. She brought with her a very noble Retinue, and very much encreas'd his Fortune by her Estate; but more still by her excellent Management—She had two Servants that inspected her Family Affairs, and by whose Fidelity every Thing flourish'd. These were *Prudence* and *Temperance*—Her Husband growing Great, chang'd his Name a second Time, and was call'd *Society*—And Abundance of the Neighbouring Families seeking Protection under him; and for that End coming to live upon his Lands—he form'd them into a Body, for their mutual Defence and Security, and then he took on him the Name of COMMUNITY, and encreasing in Power and People, was without his own seeking call'd at last NATION.

He had three Sons, CONSTITUTION the First-born; LIBERTY the Second; and GOVERNMENT the Youngest—And two Daughters, *Law* and *Justice*.

Constitution marry'd *Utility*'s Eldest Daughter, and by Her had a numerous Off-spring; some of his Children were these, *Common-wealth* his Eldest; *Limited Monarchy* his Second; but best beloved *Senate* his Third——With two younger Children never much valu'd by their Father, *Democracy* and *Aristocracy*——He had one natural Son also, which he never car'd to own, and whose Name was MOBB—And a Grandson by him call'd *Confusion*. Of all which we may speak in their Turn.

Liberty, his Second Son, was marry'd to *Property*, and they left, besides many Daughters, one Only Son, *Prosperity*, who liv'd to be vastly rich; of whom presently.

Goverment——marry'd *Power*'s Eldest Daughter, and begat *Legislature*——And as for the two beauteous Sisters, *Law* and *Justice*, they remain Virgins, and tho' various Attempts have been made to destroy them, they are alive to this Day.

Thus Old *Nation*'s Family was establish'd. I shall speak a little of his Children in their Order.

1. CONSTITUTION, he was the Father of all the well-order'd States in the World, his Successors have generally been Statesmen and Lawyers, by whom all the happy Forms of Policy in the World have been fram'd—2. The Second Son as above was call'd LIBERTY; he was a most excellent, generous, and sublime Person, who being inspir'd from Heaven, has always fill'd the World with true Idea's of Things, and with generous and gallant Principles. This was the immediate Progenitor of all the Famous Patriots of the Age; his Son *Prosperity* had a most numerous Progeny, that were all Professors of the same Principle, and convey'd the Honour and Antiquity of their Family to Posterity. His Grand-son by his Eldest Daughter was *Resistance*; Her First-Born, was Grand-father to *Arbaces* the Great *Median*, that depos'd *Sardanapalus* his otherwise Lawful Soverign, and made the Guilty Tyrant burn himself in his Golden Palace; *Brutus* and *Cassius* were of his Family, and the Glorious King *WILLIAM* was the Last of the Race——Grant Heaven, the Family may not be extinct; the barren World can never revive the Blood, or bring such another Race upon the Stage again——Her Second Son

Son was Sir *Henry Helmet*, he was Father of that Noble and moſt Natural Science of SELF-DEFENCE; a brave Fellow, his Motto was, *Nemo me impune lacessit*. He went constantly arm'd at all Points, yet never offended any Body; This was his constant Maxim, *He would do no Wrong, nor would take none*; he was never Agressor, but if attack'd, tho' by the Devil, he would fly to his Weapons.

There were some warm Debates about the Legitimacy of this Gentleman, but his Grand-Father LIBERTY made his Birth clear, and being a Person also of undoubted Reputation, his Legitimacy admitted no longer Doubt.

LIBERTY having establish'd his Family, by leaving such a hopeful Issue, there was no Fear he should die Childless——— And from him in a direct Line has descended many brave Branches, such as *Free Possession*, *Limitted Succession*; and three Daughters, *viz*. *Revolution*, *Toleration*, and *Union*. And these being all of a Blood, Brothers and Sisters, are the Family that are in the present Jeopardy. Especially the first *Revolution*, who is to receive her Doom, and stand Tryal for her Life next *Monday*.

Never were three Sisters better born, or better bred, nor did ever three Females so well answer the Expence of their Education—— They have been vertuous to a Nicety, honest to a Tittle, and hitherto prosperous in every Thing——— But alas they are all fallen together into most horrid Crimes.

'Tis a melancholly Thing to hear, that after so good a Character as they had obtain'd, they should now fall into Scandal, and be all Guilty of such unheard of Things, as indeed if they are prov'd, merit condign Punishment——— But who can help it? The Charge is black, the Accuser stands to it, and offers to prove the Particulars—— And *Monday* is the Day. I'll give you an Abridgment of the Indictment.

REVOLUTION, the Eldest Sister, is charg'd with taking up Arms in Conjunction with Foreigners against her Great Grandfather NATION, attempting to destroy Two of her nearest Relations, *Law* and *Justice*, her two Aunts; and in short to murther her own Flesh and Blood by Violence, and resisting of Supream Authority, and several other enormous Crimes, too long to be recited.

TOLERATION, the Second Sister, is charg'd with Whoredom, and which is worse, Incest, having occationally prostituted her Honour, and made her self Universal, contrary to the Laws of Modesty, and the Intent and Meaning of her very Creation——— And being thus no more to be admitted into a well-order'd Government, she is to be try'd for Incontinence.

UNION, the Youngest Sister, is charg'd with Corruption, Theft, and an attrocious Crime not to be nam'd, for which if she be found Guilty, she certainly deserves to be annihilated.

The Consequence of this Famous Tryal remains to be related as soon as it is over.

The Gentlemen, that think this Allegory worth Notice, must excuse us about Genders, *Masculines* and *Feminines*, the Case admitting no Observation of Rule in that Point.

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